



## **Child Policy - Momentum 2019 And Parent/Child Caregiver Policy – Momentum 2019**

It is CE National's goal that Momentum be a week that focuses on students' relationships with God, their fellow students, and their church's youth workers. We desire that youth workers give their full attention to their students and the ways God may be moving in their lives during the week. Therefore, Momentum is not designed or marketed to be a family conference. While provisions are not made for whole families to attend, if it becomes necessary for parents to bring their children (infant through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) with them to Momentum, the policy below is in effect.

**Policy Eligibility:** To be eligible to register a child for Momentum the parent(s) must be registered as

- (a) Staff (these are Momentum Staff positions by CE National's invitation only)
- (b) Youth Worker or Child Caregiver
- (c) Adult Guest
- (d) Exhibitor Representative

Because those adults registering as "Youth Worker" are required to be housed in the dorms with the students and serve as chaperones, their infant – 5<sup>th</sup> grade children are not eligible for attendance at Momentum, as we do not allow children to be housed in the dorm with students. If a local church's youth worker needs to bring any child(ren), the youth worker adult has these two options:

1. The youth worker can bring a Child Caregiver. The Child Caregiver and child(ren) would be housed in the Adult Guest dorm, allowing the parent to still be registered as a "Momentum Youth Worker" (and stay in the dorm with students attend Momentum Sessions and Training Tracks while their children are in the supervision of the Child Caregiver).
2. A parent themselves can serve as the Child Caregiver – and the child(ren) would be housed with the parent in Momentum's Adult Guest dorm as long as the church maintains it's 12:1 ratio of youth workers to students in student housing. (and the parent would need to view the Main Sessions from the Live Feed Room, and forgo the opportunity to attend any of the training tracks).

**Registration:** anyone considering bringing their children to Momentum must register them as a Child on the Momentum registration site under the applicable Family Account. If the child is not registered, they will be unable to be lodged in any university housing.

- Infants -4 year-olds: a \$25 registration fee will be charged for each child, to be paid upon registration. Ages 4 and under eat free in the IWU cafeteria by IWU policy.
- 5-year-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students: a \$160 registration fee is charged for each child, to be paid upon registration. This fee includes lunch and dinner; breakfast needs to be purchased separately.
- Beds for infants - 5<sup>th</sup> grade children: The fees listed above do not include individual beds for children. Children need to be housed in the same room as the Child Caregiver and/or parent serving as the Child Caregiver. Almost all dormitory rooms have two beds (often as a bunkbed). If more than one child is housed with the Child Caregiver (or parent), preparations should be made to have the additional children sleep on the floor, by providing your own air mattress or other bedding. Additional rooms are not an option.

## **Meals**

Ages 2 and under are free.

Ages 3-11: Breakfast: \$3.90/breakfast; purchase breakfast tickets, as needed, at the Momentum Office. (Note: no child in this age group may enter the dining hall w/o a meal ticket).

## **HOUSING/REGISTRATION/MEALS FOR CHID CAREGIVER**

**Childcare Giver:** A Childcare Giver is defined as somebody who is there to primarily give care to children. By Momentum's policy, nobody younger than a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student is allowed admittance into the main level or balcony area of the main session. There is a Live Feed Room during sessions available for children and Child Caregivers. Children and by proxy Child Caregiver are also not allowed in Power Track Seminars/Youth Worker Labs or on the off campus ministry options.

**Childcare:** Childcare is not offered at Momentum. Children need to be accompanied by their Child Caregiver or parent at all times. Children should not be in the care of students in the absence of either the parent or Child Caregiver.

**Liability:** if the Child Caregiver is someone other than the parents, the parents assume all liability for the Child Caregiver.

**Main Sessions/Training Tracks/Ministry Outings:** Because Main Sessions, Training Tracks and Ministry Projects make up the core of the Momentum schedule, we want to minimize distractions. Therefore, no one 5<sup>th</sup> grade or younger will be permitted in any Main Session auditorium, in any training track room or going off campus with a youth group on a Momentum Ministry Outing. (A video feed of the main session will be available in a room for parents/ Child Caregiver to attend with their children present. Training tracks include such schedules as "Power Track" Meetings, Staff meetings, and Youth Worker Labs.

**Housing:** The Child Caregiver, along with the child(ren) under their care are housed in the Adult Guest Dorm. Almost all dormitory rooms have two beds (often a bunkbed). Children need to be housed in the same room as the Child Caregiver and/or parent serving as the Child Caregiver. Almost all dormitory rooms have two beds (often as a bunkbed). If more than one child is housed with the Child Caregiver (or parent), preparations should be made to have the additional children sleep on the floor, by providing your own air mattress or other bedding. Additional rooms are not an option.

**Meals:** includes lodging and lunch/dinner meals of Tuesday dinner through Saturday Dinner. A Breakfast plan (\$26 for all breakfasts Wednesday- Sunday) may be purchase on-line. Or individual breakfast tickets may be purchased as needed at the Momentum Office.